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SUBJECT: LAGOS ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE

REF: USUN 1852

1. CANADIAN MISOFF EDELSTEIN JULY 5 SAID THE GOC HAS NOT YET REACHED A DECISION ON COMPOSITION OF ITS DELEGATION TO NEXT MONTH'S CONFERENCE IN LAGOS. CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN TO ASSIGNING A MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, BOB STANBURY, WHO HANDLED CANADIAN REPRESENTATION ON THE APARTHEID ITEMS DURING THE 31ST GA.

2. CANADIANS ALSO REPORT THAT AUSTRALIANS, WHO ARE ALSO PLANNING TO ATTEND, WILL BE REPRESENTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTER. THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION IN NEW YORK IS CONSIDERING SENDING ITS THIRD COMMITTEE ADVISER AS THE PRINCIPAL NEW YORK MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION. THE CANADIAN MISOFF REACTED STRONGLY AGAINST THIS SUGGESTION, BECAUSE IT IMPLIES AN EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS, PARTICULARLY THE RACISM/ZIONISM ISSUE, WHICH IN THEIR VIEW IS UNLIKELY TO BE PERMITTED SIGNIFICANT PLAY BY THE SPONSORS OF THE LAGOS CONFERENCE.

3. THE CANADIAN MISOFF SAID SECRETARIAT SOURCES ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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AWAITING THE RETURN FROM LIBREVILLE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER AGAINST APARTHEID, E.S. REDDY, BUT PRESENT THINKING OF NIGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GARBA REPORTEDLY IS TO AVOID SUBMITTING A LAGOS POLITICAL DOCUMENT (USUALLY SPOKEN OF AS A DECLARATION) TO DEBATE IN PLENARY OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FORMAT. INSTEAD GARBA IS THINKING OF SETTING UP A COMMITTEE OF SELECTED FOREIGN MINISTERS WHO WOULD CON-

SIDER A PREPARED DRAFT AND RECOMMEND IT TO THE PLENARY FOR ADOPTION. THE ACTION PROGRAM, A SECOND PAPER UNDER CONTEMPLATION FOR THE CONFERENCE, WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, BUT DELEGATIONS WOULD NOT BE ASKED TO VOTE ON IT.

4. COMMENT: THE REPORTED THINKING OF GARBA AND CONFERENCE PLANNERS IN PARA 3 ABOVE RECALLS THE ADVICE THE NORWEGIAN DEPUTY PERM REP VRAALSEN SAID HE GAVE TO REDDY (USUN 1852).

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